

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please revise the paragraph starting on line 2 of page 17 of the present application as follows:

An encoding/transmitting apparatus 2, which is another embodiment of this invention, will be described. This apparatus 2 comprises a video encoding unit 21, an audio encoding unit 22, an encoded-video-data storage unit 23, an encoded-audio-data-storage unit 24, a multiplex output unit 25, an external-output request determining unit 26, and a filter 27 that is connected to the input of the audio encoding unit 22 as is illustrated in FIG. 6.

Please revise the paragraph starting on line 2 of page 18 of the present application as follows:

An encoding/transmitting apparatus 3, which is still another embodiment of this invention, will be described. This apparatus 3, which is shown in FIG. 7, comprises a video encoding unit 31, an audio encoding unit 32, an encoded-video-data storage unit 33, an encoded-audio-data-storage unit 34, an external-output request determining unit 36, and a multiplex output unit 35 that has a shaping function.

Please revise the paragraph starting on line 19 of page 22 of the present application as follows:

An encoding/transmitting apparatus 4, which is a further embodiment of this invention, will be described. As shown in FIG. 9, this apparatus 4 outputs stream data that contains a plurality of programs. The encoding/transmitting apparatus 4 comprises a multiplex output unit 45 and an external-output

| request determining unit 46, and as many video encoding units 41  
| as the programs, as many audio encoding units 42 as the  
| programs, as many encoded-video-data storage units 43 as the  
| programs, and as many encoded-audio-data-storage units 44 as the  
| programs.